



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: May 16, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS AND MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPROVE HEALTH SCREENING AMONG MALES.

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a two-year research grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, for an amount not to exceed \$275,000, beginning in April, 2013. The purpose of the grant is to test and refine a screening interview and process to identify health-related risks among men of color living in low-income neighborhoods and to refer them to needed services.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): The City would receive a grant of up to \$275,000.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department requests authorization to apply for a two-year grant, not to exceed \$275,000, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. The purpose of the grant is to test and refine a screening interview and process to identify health-related risks among men of color living in low-income neighborhoods and to refer them to needed services. Specifically, the study will: (1) test the Brief Risk Overview (BRO) domain and question content to ensure it adequately addresses the needs of the target population; (2) systematize the referral process based on clients' risk profiles, expressed preferences, and available resources; (3) test a variety of locations for engaging the target population, including a mobile van and stationary sites such as barbershop; and, (4) refine and test a process for determining client follow-through and satisfaction with referral services, including medical homes and men's projects.